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## **PATENT APPLICATION**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:	)
TAKUMA KOBAYASHI, et al.	Examiner: A. Patel )
Application No.: 09/651,294	: Group Art Unit: 2154
Filed: August 30, 2000	; )
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD	) : ) June 24, 2004
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PRELIMINAR	Y AMENDMENT
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having been filed concurrently herewith, ple	ease amend the above-identified application as
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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified applicatio RECEIVED

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TOTAL CLAIMS	* 14	MINUS	** 20	= 0	x \$9 \$18	-0-
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 4	MINUS	*** 4	= 0	x \$43 \$86	-0-
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145°/\$290						
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	A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.	
	Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.	f
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	A check in the amount of \$ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.	
X	Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to directed to our address given below.	be
	Respectfully submitted,	
	Edward A. Kmett Attorney for Applicants	
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